

To His Excellency, the Governor General in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to state that he has given careful consideration to the following despatch from Mr. Howard to Lord Grey (P.C. 2886 H.) referred to the Minister of Labour on the 25th ult.:

*Manchester, Mass.,

20th August, 1906.

"The following telegram was sent to Foreign Office No. 108 Secret Conference on Opium, I received from the Acting Secretary of State a private letter asking if Canada would send a representative to the Conference, and if so would be glad if Canada could send as delegate Mr. Mackenzie King who has investigated recently and made a report on opium conditions in British Columbia, in consequence of which important legislation was passed by the Government of Canada.

"Would be glad to be informed what answer I may return. This telegram has been repeated to Earl Grey.

(Sd) Howard."

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that Canada express a willingness to send a representative to the Opium Conference to which reference is made in the despatch, and that in